

REMARKS

Amended Claims

Claims 1-11, 14-15 and 21 are amended herein.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 11-13, 15-16 and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schlonski et al. (U.S. Publication No. US 2002/0196451 A1). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant reserves the right to swear behind the reference Schlonski et al., but submits that claims 11-13, 15-16, 19-22, as amended, are allowable for the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully maintains that the system disclosed in Schlonski et al. the Administrator directly utilizes a management program on a workstation (the “imaging device” of the Examiner’s rejection). Thus, Applicant respectfully maintains that the management program of Schlonski et al. is not disclosed as being resident on the imaging device being configured, such that the Administrator is required to “surf” across a network with a browser to utilize the management program through the imaging device’s embedded webserver. In addition, Applicant maintains that in Schlonski et al. the workstation (“imaging device”) displaying the list of other imaging devices is also not disclosed as being configured itself by the management facility. See, Schlonski et al., Abstract; Figures 2-5; Paragraph 0027, Page 3; Paragraph 0030, Page 3; Paragraph 0032, Page 3; and Paragraph 0035, Page 3.

Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Schlonski et al. fails to teach or disclose a system that communicates a configuration change across a network to a management facility that is accessible through a network interface and an embedded webserver of a first imaging device, selects at least one other imaging device from a list of other imaging devices stored on the first imaging device and communicates the configuration change from the imaging device to the at least one other imaging device selected from the list of other imaging devices stored on the first imaging device. As such, Schlonski et al. fails to teach or disclose all elements of claims 11-13, 15-16, 19-22, as amended.

Applicant’s claim 11, as amended, recites “[a] method of configuring a plurality of imaging devices coupled to a network, the method comprising: communicating a

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